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Living Conditions in Kozare

1. Living conditions in Kozare village are continually deteriorating. Eighty-five percent of Kozare's farmers belong to the agricultural cooperative and these men are dependent upon their share of the harvest returns for their daily living needs. In the majority of cases the returns from the 1951 harvest have proven inadequate. As a result, it is a common sight to see shoeless farmers selling articles of household furniture or personal belongings in order to obtain some money with which to buy necessities that they do not produce or grow themselves. In addition, the farmers also sell, on the open market, some of the cheese, eggs, and butter which the authorities permit them to keep for their own use. In spite of these various measures, however, the farmers are unable to obtain enough money with which to purchase all their basic necessities.
2. Post-currency reform wages in Kozare are:
 - a. A common laborer (basic wage per day) - approximately 14 leva; and
 - b. A village government official (per month) - approximately 400 leva.
3. The prices of some of the commodities available in Karnobat okoliya are:

Bread (one kilogram)	2.60 leva
Rice (one kilogram)	9.60 "
Sunflower seed oil (one liter)	14.00 "
Cotton cloth (coarse) (one meter)	28.00 "
Suiting (coarse cloth) (one meter)	200.00 "

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4. Butter, fleece, cotton yarn, sugar, and other similar items are not available on the Kozare market.

The Communist Party in Kozare

5. There are 30 Communist Party members in Kozare, 18 of whom are men and 12 of whom are women.

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